Thursday, 11 August 2016

**Dates to remember**
Year 5 and 6 ANZAC Exhibition 16th August
Book Fair 22nd August
Book Fair Evening 23rd August

**Principal News**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are in hump week already (week 5 of a 10 week term) of Term 3. I think I heard the other day that we are only 19 weeks to Christmas. Now that sounds scary.

Our school’s NAPLAN results are continuing to improve at a remarkable rate with our school consistently performing at above the national average. This improvement agenda over the last 5 years demonstrates that we are directing our energy and effort in the right areas. Enclosed in this newsletter is a snapshot of our 2016 NAPLAN. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students, staff, parents and carers for supporting our NAPLAN improvement and achievement agenda. Individual student NAPLAN results will be sent home this week. I will be presenting our 2016 whole school NAPLAN data at next week’s P&C meeting.

Our student Interhouse Athletics Carnival was a huge success with participation and achievement results demonstrating that we have some gifted athletes and amazing students who are willing to have-a-go and put in the effort. Congratulations to Leichhardt for taking out the Interhouse Shield with 252 points, followed by Kennedy on 130 points and Jardine on 90 points. A big congratulations and well done to every student who participated and gave it their best. I would also like to congratulate all those community members and teachers who participated in the teachers/community/student 100m dash. How good was that? Absolutely sensational and I thank you for your involvement. How good was Lenny George having a go? Absolute legend. Did you know he broke his wrist when he crashed? But do you know what he did? He got up and finished the race and didn’t complain once. Now that is GOLD. Thanks Lenny for demonstrating that it’s all about ‘having a go’.

Our school continues to shine at the Douglas Cluster Interschool Athletics Carnival with our school taking 6 of 8 trophies available. Congratulations to all participating students and even bigger congratulations to the following Age Champions: Tyson Crees, Beryl Gibson and Reagan Crees. The following students have been selected to represent the Douglas Cluster of Schools at the Peninsula Athletics Carnival being held on Sunday the 14th August and Monday the 15th August. Reagan Crees, Tyson Crees, Dijuaiya Dalton, Asia Diamond, Beryl Gibson, Latavia Gibson, Marlie Nagy, Chad Raymond, Anazarrah Ross-Kelly.

Mr Ryan will be taking a bus load of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students to the Ty Williams Rugby League Carnival on Friday 12 August. Selected girls from Grade 5 and 6 will be competing against other schools in a quest to win the Ty Williams Cup. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to participate and compete against other schools from around the region. I thank Mr Ryan for making this opportunity available to our students.

On Wednesday 17th of August our Grade 5 and 6 classes will be attending the Spirit of ANZAC Experience in Cairns. Our school has been fortunate to have Mr John Bond, a Vietnam veteran, accompany our students to this experience. John was in our school this week, recounting some of the experiences that he had in his time during the Vietnam War on the HMAS Vendetta. The Spirit of ANZAC Experience should be a thought provoking, emotionally challenging and pride building journey for our students. I thank John for his involvement in helping make this Experience for our students memorable.

Sylvia Green from Qld Health will be in our school over the next 5 weeks working with our Grade 5s and 6s. Sylvia will be implementing the Healthy Life Skills Program looking at diet, exercise, nutrition, shopping/buying healthy food and healthy cooking. We welcome Sylvia to our school.

**Attendance Award**

Prep1 have made a huge improvement to their attendance this term and are our highest attending class for the month with an outstanding attendance rate of 97%! Well done Prep1, you are in the running for our attendance award excursion this term. Our current top 5 attendance rates for the month are:

1. Prep1 97%  
2. 5A 96.93%  
3. 3A 96.86%  
4. SEP 95.29%  
5. 1/2 93.23%

**Students of the week**

Prep-Ty-Lee for enthusiastically participating in maths.  
Prep1-Ethan S for working well in class.  
Year 1/2-Ziggy for his outstanding knowledge of the jump strategy in maths.  
Year1/2-Haley for completing her work without teachers.  
Year2/3-Sienna for outstanding learning in maths.  
Year4/5-Khyannah for great participation in class.  
Year5-Ethan A for working hard and diligently in Storm Boy activities.  
Year5- Marlie for trying her best in all areas of learning.  
Year6-Riley for being helpful for teachers.  
Year6-Gemma for being helpful for teachers.  
SEP-Nike for working to his potential in all activities.  
Principal-Shadean for completing some excellent work with two digit addition Maths sums.  
Principal-Haley for completing some excellent work with two digit addition Maths sums.
2016 OUTSTANDING NAPLAN RESULTS

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students for their outstanding NAPLAN results this year! Mossman State School kids have once again performed extremely well on all 5 NAPLAN tests across both year levels. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our Year 3 and Year 5 teachers and our entire teaching and support staff on setting our students up for success with their continued commitment to the Explicit Teaching pedagogy, daily literacy and numeracy consolidations and improved attendance strategies. These strategies have been fine-tuned throughout our school over a number of years and our continued student performance improvements are a testament to their effectiveness. Our data shows we are performing statistically ‘similar to or above the Nation’ or ‘significantly above the Nation’ in all 5 strands of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy in both Year 3 and Year 5. Out of 30 points of data (5 strands, 2 year levels, 3 comparison areas) we achieved statistically similar to or above the Nation in 29 points. This is another outstanding result for our school. It is important to remember though, that while NAPLAN testing is given much focus by the media, it is only one assessment tool we use in making judgements about student performance throughout the year.

National Minimum Standard (NMS) - Percentage of students who achieved the minimum expected result

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Upper Two Bands (U2B) - Percentage of students achieving the top two bands

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Kind regards,
Sharon Case
Head of Teaching and Learning

In keeping with the Book Fair theme, “Australia!”


In conjunction with Book Fair, a Dress-Up Competition is planned for the last day of Book Fair - Friday, 26 August.

DRESS UP COMPETITION

Join in the fun on Friday, 26 August.

Assembly

Costumes will be judged and prizes awarded at Assembly.
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Amazing Bookwork:

Jakob Palmer

Ezi Masi

Sensational Science:

Alia

Tila

Learning is Fun!
Prep / 1 at Sports Day

We had lots of fun at Sports Day. We rotated around the following Activities - Bocce Shot Put, Mini Hurdles, Mini High Jump, Mini Long Jump and Sack Races, as well as running our 80m sprint and relays. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents come along and support us. Thank you to Miss Michelle for her great organisation.

Ready...
Set...
GO!
Having lots of FUN!